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**APG responds to chemical accident**

### **ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. –**

APG responds to chemical accident ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – Aberdeen Proving Ground emergency personnel responded to an accident in a Edgewood Chemical-Biological Center laboratory in the installation's Edgewood Area at 11:30 this morning. The incident began when a laboratory vial containing microliter quantities of dilute mustard agent broke. The worker handling the agent was exposed to the agent, decontaminated, monitored to confirm no residual agent, and is undergoing medical observation at the Edgewood Area Clinic. Two additional workers in the area who were not believed to be exposed to agent are also being medically observed at the clinic. The building was under engineering controls and remained under controls throughout the incident. No chemical agent was released to the environment. In accordance with standard procedures, access to and from the Edgewood Area of APG was temporarily restricted. The gates were reopened before 12 noon. Additional details will be released as they are known.

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